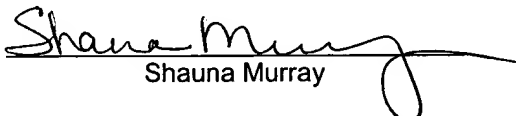


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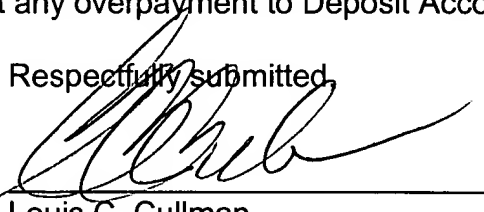
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Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for a three month extension of time for responding to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003, extending the statutory period of response from November 26, 2004 to February 26, 2004

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the extension fee in the amount of \$950 to Deposit Account 50-1329. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1329.

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